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Die Wege und Entfernungen zur See im Welt-Verkehr. By Dr. R. Jannasch. 17 tables and map of the world. Published by "Export." Berlin, 1904. (Price, 3 marks.)

The tables in this book give a vast amount of information with regard to ocean trade routes and the distances by sea between all ports of importance. If we turn, for example, to "New York" in the index we are referred to pages on which are printed twelve tables giving the distances between New York and ports on all the oceans, and sometimes in relation to various routes, as *via* the Suez Canal or the Cape. The distances are given in nautical miles, which may be converted into statute miles, if desired, by multiplying the figures by 1.15. The accompanying map is large enough to show practically all the deep-sea routes, with the distances from port to port. This useful compilation would have saved some writers in the past few years many hours of labour, and it will be a time-saving reference book in counting houses and many other places.

Pitman's German Commercial Reader. 208 pp., 3 maps, and a German-English vocabulary. Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons. London and New York. (Price, 85c.)

Pitman's French Commercial Reader. 214 pp., maps and other illustrations and a French-English vocabulary. Sir Isaac Pitman & Sons. London and New York. (Price, 85c.)

These books, intended for students in commercial courses, give an insight into the methods of business and of business correspondence in Germany and France respectively. Their vocabularies are designed to familiarize the student with the words commonly used in the commercial intercourse of those countries. The German book has a short commercial geography of Germany, a history of commerce, articles on all the leading branches of German trade, together with the lives of a number of famous men of business. The French book is written practically on the same lines. Students who have had about two years' training in German and French will be able to use these books to good advantage.

Old Cape Colony. A Chronicle of her Men and Houses from 1625 to 1806. By Mrs. A. P. Trotter. 320 pp., numerous illustrations, and Index. A. Constable & Co., Ltd., London, 1903.

The author was much interested in the history of the oldest farms of Cape Colony, of the earliest settlers, of the men who made the laws, and of the gabled houses that sheltered the pioneers. She